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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: STATUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION (ICSC)

REF: USUN 5979; USUN 6039

1. ON FINAL DAY OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY, AMBASSADOR RAHAL OF ALGERIA CRITICIZED DRAFT STATUS OF ICSC AS FAR AS COMPISTION OF COMMISSION WAS CONCERNED. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MORE "EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION" HE MOVED AMENDMENT TO STATUTE TO INCREASE SIZE OF COMMISSION FROM 13 TO 15 MEMBERS. PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA LATER SUGGESTED THAT THIS AMENDMENT BE ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS. US, HOWEVER, INSISTED ON RECORDED VOTE AND AMENDMENT THEN WAS ADOPTED BY 75-12(US)-42.

2. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS EARLIER, ALGERIANS AS APOKESMEN FOR AF GROUP HAD REQUESTED INCREASE TO 14 WITH A SEAT GOING TO AMI OF NIGERIA. OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS ACQUIESCED IN
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REQUEST. MOVE, HOWEVER, TO ADD STILL ONE MORE SEAT FRO

AFRICA WAS UNEXPECTED IN SPITE OF SOME DISCUSSION THIS POSSIBILITY. IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE DURING PLENARY, WE ATTEMPTED TO RALLY OPPOSITION TO MOVE. WITH SOVIETS WE TOOK LINE OF ARGUMENT THAT RAHAL HAD CRITICIZED RIGHT OF PERMANENT SC MEMBERS TO HAVE PLACE ON ICSC AUTOMATICALLY AND OUR DISPLEASURE SHOULD BE EXPRESSED. SOVIETS THEN AGREED TO ABSTAIN. WEO'S VACILLATED BETWEEN OPPOSITION AND ABSTENTION AND FINALLY CHOSE LATTER COURSE. LA'S WERE PARTICULARLY INDIGNANT AT ALGERIAN MOVE WHICH LEFT THEM WITH ONLY TWO MEMBERS TO FOUR FOR AFRICA. NINE LA'S VOTED AGAINST AND EIGHT ABSTAINED.

3. ACTION ON ICSC WAS EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL ALGERIAN EXPLOITATION OF PRESIDENCY TO FURTHER THEIR INTERESTS AS THEY VIEW THEM. COMMISSION UNFORTUNATELY NOW APPROACHES UNWIELDY SIZE AND WE CAN ANTICIPATE PROBABLE MOVE IN FUTURE TO ADD REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS, FURTHER WEAKENING ITS UTILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS.

4. FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE NAMED FOR FOUR YEARS: QUIJANO (ARGENTINA), THIAM (SENEGAL), FROCHAUX (SWITZERLAND), NOSEK (CZECHOSLOVAKIA); THREE YEARS: FONSECA PIMENTEL (BRAZIL), HILLIS (UK), HAGUIWARA (JAPAN), HAMPTON (US), PLIHON (FRANCE); TWO YEARS: VICE CHAIRMAN ADU (GHANA), CHRISTYAKOV(USSR), WARZAZI (MOROCCO), AMJAD ALI (PAKISTAN) IN PLACE OF AMOUZEGAR (IRAN) WHO WAS UNABLE TO SERVE, ANI(NIGERIA), AND HAKSAR(INDIA).
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